

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following paragraph:

--The subject application is a divisional application of copending U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/487,942 filed January 19, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of both U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/167,439 filed October 6, 1998 and U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/098,927 filed June 17, 1998, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entireties.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please Cancel 41 through 68 without prejudice.

Please Replace Claims 1, 11, 15 and 16 with Amended Claims 1, 11, 15 and 16 which read as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A device for securing a spinal rod to the spine comprising:
- a) a head portion having a channel extending therethrough configured to receive a spinal rod;
 - b) a locking cap configured to engage an interior camming surface of the channel and an exterior surface of the spinal rod upon rotation of the locking cap relative to the head portion through a 90° arc to secure the position of the head portion relative to the spinal rod; and
 - c) a fastener portion depending from the head portion and configured to engage the spine.--